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Hunter Learning Center
Hunter Learning Center, Room 22, Bldg. 1290 is now open at night.

The new hours for student computer use are:
Monday — Thursday 4 to 8:30 p.m.
Friday — 4 to 7:30 p.m.
Saturday — 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.1900
Sunday noon to 6 p.m.

There are 16 computers available with internet access. The computers can be used to brush up on your basic skills or study for CLEP tests, the SAT and other exams. Monday to Friday an academic facilitator can assist you with research, assignments and test preparation.

Army One Source
Telephone counseling service is available for personal support and referrals to military and community resources.
For more information visit <http://www.army-onesource.com>. User ID Army password is "Onesource" or call 1-800-464-8107.

Bible Study
Two Protestant bible studies are being offered to Soldiers and family members at Fort Stewart.

The Working Women Bible for Protestant Women of the Chapel will be held Wednesdays 7 to 8 p.m. at Marne Chapel.

The bible study is geared for working wives or Soldiers. Come and join the fun. The Protestant women of the Chapel will meet Tuesdays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Vale Chapel
Every Tuesday deepen your relationship with the Lord while enjoying fellowship with other wives.

Free baby layettes
Families who have had children since being deployed to Iraq, or have had them since their return, are eligible to receive a free layette offered by Spencer's Children's Clothing Company, Inc.
For specific guidelines and applications, contact the American Red Cross office at 767-2197.

Home Business
Military spouses and retirees are needed as childcare providers in counties surrounding Fort Stewart and Hunter. If you like children, why not start your small business. Free training and assistance provided.

Off Post

Tsunami Relief
The Savannah International Trade and Convention Center is hosting Tsunami Relief Comedy Show, Thursday, Feb. 3, 7:30 p.m., in the Grand Ballroom.
For more information call 963-0941.

To publish a brief in The Frontline, call 767-3440 or fax us at 767-5979. Deadline for briefs is Friday at noon.



Henry Burke, a Korean War veteran who served with 2nd Battalion, 15 Infantry Regiment, receives a coin from the 3/15 Inf. Commander Lt. Col. Gary Luck. Burke is a member of the 15th Infantry Regiment Association, and presented the battalion with special bandannas Jan. 13.

Town Hall meeting discusses concerns for on-post living

Catherine Caruso
Hunter PAO

Deployments mean installation resources will be stretched just as families will rely on garrison support more than ever, said Lt. Col. Jeffrey Goble, Hunter Army Airfield commander, at the installation's town hall meeting Jan. 11.

The garrison commander said the installation's staff is as committed to serving family members as ever, and seeking ways to be of even more service while Soldiers are away.

But he asked for help from employees, Soldiers serving in the rear detachment, and military family members to keep the post neat, and running smoothly.

"If you drive by something on post and you don't think it looks right, don't assume someone is taking care of it," he said. "If there's a street sign bent, or a street light that doesn't work? ... Call, and tell us," he said.

Fewer Soldiers means fewer eyes on company areas, barracks, and family housing, so everyone on post needs to pitch in and

report anything they see that could detract from everyone's quality of life, he said.

On the cusp of a division deployment, housing was high on everyone's agenda.

The installation's occupancy rate for on post housing is 89 percent, well below the target rate of 97 percent.

That's a far cry from a near capacity occupancy rate at Fort Stewart, where off post rentals are in shorter supply.

Because of that shortage, some of the vacant units will be made available to families on Fort Stewart's waiting list, but there are still many two and three bedroom units available to Hunter Army Airfield Soldiers for immediate occupancy.

One participant said she knows some families are moving off post to take advantage of newly increased basic allowance for housing rates.

Goble said if families find it more cost-effective to live off post, that's understandable, but they shouldn't dismiss the benefits of living on-post too quickly when making that decision.

Those benefits include easier to access installation services, rent and utilities at a flat rate equal to the sponsor's housing allowance, regardless of family size, property maintenance, and protection from rent hikes.

But there is also the intangible benefit of living in a community of families with similar interests and needs. The sense of community fostered by families who choose to live on post benefits everyone who lives or works on the installation, Goble said.

"The other reason I would like to have as many people living on base as possible is, during the deployment, we can take better care of you," he said. "And I can't do anything about your security if you live off post. Which is not to say off post is not a safe community. It is. But it's easier for me if you're here."

Goble and Archie Nelson, representing GMH Military Housing, also asked attendees to help dispel rumors circulating about on post housing and

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DFAS overpays 53,000 Soldiers in January

Eric W. Cramer
Army News Servicerc

WASHINGTON — Soldiers who see an extra few hundred dollars in their mid-month January paychecks shouldn't spend it.

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service made an error that will cause about 53,000 Soldiers to be paid too much in January. The Army will collect the funds from end-of-month paychecks to restore financial balance.

Most of the affected Soldiers will receive overpayments of between \$200 and \$300. There are 316 Soldiers who will receive overpayments of more than \$500, a DFAS

official said.

When the Army "draws back" the overpayments, it will take back the overpayments of \$500 and more in two installments, officials said, to reduce any potential hardship for Soldiers.

Those who received less than \$500 extra will see the drawback in the January end of the month paycheck, Col. Kenneth Crowder, director of Army Pay Operations for the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, said those affected are Soldiers who have Army meal cards, but who are authorized for reimbursement for

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Capt. Eric Orsini wears field gear during training in World War II. Orsini is retiring after serving the government and the Army for 64 years.

Battle of Bulge veteran retires

Eric W. Cramer
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Sixty years ago, Eric Orsini was a young tank officer in the 14th Armored Division, involved in cleaning up the Colmar Pocket in World War II's Battle of the Bulge.

On Jan. 28, he'll retire, having served the U.S. Army as an enlisted man, officer and civilian employee for a total of 64 years.

"I joined before World War II, for a year. Six months into my enlistment, the war started and I was in for the duration, which turned out to be several years, as you know," Orsini said.

During the war, he earned a Bronze Star, a Silver Star, a Purple Heart and went to Officer Candidate School, receiving a commission as a lieutenant.

"After the war, I wanted to travel. I'd been in Europe and there was an opportunity to go to the Pacific, so I stayed in. One thing just led to another," Orsini said.

He continued to serve in uniform through the conflict in Korea and the Vietnam War, retiring in 1971, but he left armor in favor of being an ordnance officer.

"After World War II, it appeared as though the armored force, or infantry — the ground forces, were a thing of the past," he said. "The war was over. If you really wanted to

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Photos by Spc. Brian Henretta

Jacklyn Viniegra, a sixth grade student at Brittin Elementary School, receives a medal from Police Officer Vernita Carter. She earned the medal for her essay on the D.A.R.E. program.

Students serve Stewart community

Spc. Brian Henretta
100th MPAD

Local students finished two projects January 11, which will serve communities both at Fort Stewart and on the other side of the globe.

Brittin Elementary School's sixth-grade class did their part to bring drug awareness to Stewart by completing the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program, while all the students came together to raise more than 30,000 pennies to benefit the survivors of the December 26 tsunami in Southeast Asia.

During a ceremony at Brittin, 51 students received their certificates for completing the nine week D.A.R.E. program. Three students, Anthony Echevarria, Brittney Guilfo and Jacklyn Viniegra, were recognized with medals for writing outstanding essays on their D.A.R.E. experience.

"D.A.R.E. is a great way for young students to learn ways to stand up and say no to drugs," said Vernita Carter, a police officer and D.A.R.E. instructor with the Department of Defense here.

Other benefits of D.A.R.E. are teaching children self-confidence and ways to avoid peer pressure,

and drug use is much lower among graduates, Carter said.

The sixth grade is an excellent time to start teaching children how to avoid drugs, she said.

"There have been kids who have raised their hands and told me their friends have already tried to get them to smoke cigarettes or taste alcohol, so this is an important time to start teaching them," she said.

"D.A.R.E. is worth it even if one person learns not to take drugs," Viniegra said, whose essay focused on the dangers of drug abuse. "D.A.R.E. made me feel more confident and I don't want to use drugs."

"Just believe in yourself, never worry about what other people think," Guilfo said, another student recognized for an excellent essay.

While the sixth-grade students have learned to do their part to keep drugs out of the Fort Stewart community, more than 550 students from all grade levels at Brittin pitched in to help members of communities destroyed by the tsunami in Southeast Asia.

The five-day penny drive was initiated by Noel

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Brittney Guilfo, a sixth grader at Brittin Elementary School, reads her award-winning essay on the D.A.R.E. program to the rest of her graduation class.



A sixth grade student at Brittin Elementary School receives a graduation certificate for successfully completing the D.A.R.E. program.

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Second grade students at Brittin show off pennies they helped to collect for the victims of the tsunami.

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RCI housing privatization initiative that may discourage Soldiers or family members from on-post housing who might otherwise be interested.

“If you don’t live on post, and you want to live on post, we will pay to move you. Just like a regular PCS move,” Goble said. Families will also receive a dislocation allowance equal to one half month of BAH to help offset expenses incurred setting up a new residence, he said.

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succeed in uniform, the technical services were the place to go.”

Then his civilian career, where he served as a logistics expert, began.

Why did he stay at work when many of his contemporaries were retiring?

“The more I talked to retired people, the more I was convinced I wanted to stay in active service,” Orsini said.

Looking back on his long career, Orsini said the wars he took part in were the most interesting part of his service.

“World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the Gulf War, those were the highlights,” he said. “They were challenging.”

Orsini said today’s conflict presents a new set of challenges.

“We do more for the Soldier now than we ever did before,” he said. “Take hardening the vehicles. In World War II, we never thought of hardening a truck, or using shatterproof glass in a truck. Today we’re spending millions to do that. The main reason is, we’re facing a different enemy.”

Compared to World War II, Orsini said combat ser-

GMH will cut the ribbon on the first of hundreds of newly constructed town homes Hunter this spring.

Some families are worried accepting older quarters now will make them ineligible for the new homes when they become available, Goble said.

Most of the post’s existing three-bedroom units will be renovated and reclassified as two-bedroom apartments during Phase II of that project, so moving on post now will not

affect most families’ eligibility for the newly built homes when they become available, he said.

Quality of life was another concern for installation residents.

Kevin Charles, Hunter provvost marshal, said the installation will soon have the use of an animal control officer several days a week, eliminating some of the time and risk to officers who are not properly equipped to handle stray and dangerous animals.

And after a 29 incident spike during the third quarter, larceny and property crimes were down for the last part of 2004, with just five thefts and one property crime reported during the last three months of the year.

“That’s something of a success story,” he said. “We still have some things to do... (but) continue to call us, so we can help. We appreciate that, and I’m sure you appreciate it, too,” he said.

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some meals.

Crowder said an incorrect date entered into a computer database caused the error.

He said DFAS was changing to the new rate for meal reimbursements, when a data entry error backdated the change to 2004.

“It (the computer system) tried to apply the new rate to the entire previous year,” Crowder said.

He said DFAS is notifying the affected Soldiers via their Army Knowledge Online accounts and through their chains of command.

“Every Soldier involved will receive a specific, personal e-mail explaining what occurred and what the corrective actions are,” Crowder said.

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Tillman, principal of Brittin Elementary School. Tillman gave the idea to the Parent Teacher Organization in the days following the tsunami, he said.

The school raised the pennies and gave them to the PTO Friday to be brought to Heritage Bank and counted at no charge, Tillman said.

Teachers and faculty will match the amount raised by students. The final amount is expected to be more than \$700, said Tillman.

Almost everyone involved with the school did their part to contribute, Tillman said.

There was mass participation across the board, said Valerie P. Neal, vice president of the Brittin Elementary

PTO.

“We had young ones come up with two or three pennies to toss in the container, with smiles on their faces,” said Tillman. “If it makes them feel good because they contributed, that’s all that matters.”

Other children brought their entire piggy banks to empty, Tillman said.

Children at Britton are paying more attention to the news since September 11, 2001, especially because most of their parents are directly involved in world affairs, said Neal.

They see and understand what happened there and want to help those communities, said Neal.



Eric W. Cramer

Lt. Gen. C.V. Christianson, right, thanks Eric Orsini for his 64 years of service during a celebration of Orsini’s 87th birthday. Orsini served as a tank officer during the Battle of the Bulge in World War II.

He said a major cultural change has been the incorporation of women into the armed forces, especially given the circumstances under which he met his wife.

“We met on a blind date. In those days, there was a men’s dorm and a women’s dorm on the installation. The women were clerks and the men were in the military, and you just called and asked out whoever answered the phone,” Orsini said.

“It was just a question of calling the girls’ dorm and taking your chance.”

Even given all these changes, Orsini feels the Army is much the same as the Army he joined.

SPORTS & FITNESS

On Post

Track and Field/Soccer
Registration begins Feb. 1 and is open and FREE to all current CYS membersx living on or off post. Track and Field is open to ages 6 through 18 and soccer is open to ages 4 through 15. Deadline for registration is March 11, or when teams are full.
All children must have a current physical ion file at time of registration.
For more information call 767-2312/4371.

Basketball
Free co-ed basketball league games to be played through Feb. 24. is open to family members age 16 and up. Sign up by Wednesday at the Sports Office, Bldg. 471. For more information call Randy at 767-8238.

Newman
The Newman Physical Fitness Center will be closed until Sept. due to renovations. Use Caro or Jordan fitness centers, open 7 days a week.
For more information, call 767-2771.

Sports USA Events
Weekly events — Monday Night Football, 4 p.m., Thirsty Thursdays drink specials, 4 p.m. to 12 a.m. Friday, Top 40/R&B DJ, 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Saturday College football and NASCAR, open to 4 a.m., Sunday Ticket Football, NASCAR.

Pilates
Pilates classes are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the Palmetto Room at Club Stewart, from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Cost is \$45 per month. Sign up prior to 6 p.m. For more information call Jake at 767-3033.

Bowling
Bowl for \$1 and get shoes for \$.75 on Fridays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Bowl for \$1.25 and \$1 for shoes Sunday, Family Day, all day at Marne Lanes Bowling Center.

Volleyball
Free co-ed volleyball league signups will be ongoing through Wednesday, open to ages 16 and older.
Call Randy Walker at 767-8238 for details. Sign up at the Sports Office, Bldg. 471.

Golf Clinics
Free Saturday golf clinics at Taylor Creek Golf Course in January. Spouses and Juniors, 10 to 11 a.m. Clinic cancelled in bad weather. For more information call 767-2370.

Volunteer Coaches
With the deployment of our troops, assistance is desparately needed for children's sport activities.
if you are interested in becoming a coach or assistant, volunteer forms are available at Bldg. 7337 or call 767-2312.

Off Post

PT Alert
Units can schedule a PT session with a YMCA aerobics or kick boxing instructor at either Fort Stewart or our Hinesville facility.
There is no charge for this service.

If you're interested in having your sports articles, commentaries or briefs posted in The Frontline, call 767-3440, or fax at 767-9366. Deadline is noon on Fridays.

Army adopts NASCAR technology for helicopters

Stephanie A. Gardin
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — NASCAR windshield tear-offs will soon provide Army helicopters an extra layer of protection from sand, rocks and debris thanks to two National Guard Soldiers.
Sgt. 1st Class Paul Kagi and Sgt. Michael Mullen, Virginia Army Guard helicopter mechanics, submitted the idea to use windshield tear-offs to the Army Suggestion Program after discussing the idea at a Christmas party five years ago.

Their unit went to the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif., with brand new helicopters. However, when they came back, they had to replace about 80 percent of the windshields due to sand damage.

“Sand will eat up a glass window. It gets so pitted you can't even see out of it,” said Kagi, “that's where Sgt. Mullen got the idea. He said, hey, they put tear-offs on racecars at Daytona and Texas for that very reason—to protect them from sand and debris.”

Kagi did some homework, researching tangible cost savings for the tear-offs, and the idea was submitted through the Army Suggestion Program channels for evaluation. Eventually, the aviation team at the Aviation and Missile Research Development & Engineering Center, Redstone Arsenal, Ala.,

together with the Defense Logistics Agency, picked up the idea and funded all the testing.

“In order to put anything on a helicopter, we have to do a lot of testing on it because if a helicopter doesn't work, it crashes—and that's bad news,” said Doug Felker, Reliability, Availability and Maintainability team leader at AMRDEC.

Felker and team put the windshield tear-offs through a series of environmental testing and visibility testing, with the naked eye and night vision goggles. They also flight-tested the tear-offs on an aircraft in California in a brownout condition, where the aircraft purposely flies into a dust and sand environment, said Ken Bowie, RAM team member.

“The material has met or exceeded our expectations on all the tests at this point,” said Bowie, “that is how we got our airworthiness release.”

An Army airworthiness release is similar to its civilian counterpart, FAA approval. Any aircraft modifications must have this release before going into effect. So far, the RAM team has received approval for a single-layer tear-off sheet for the Black Hawk only, but it is working to get approval for the other aviation platforms: the Kiowa, Apache and Chinook, as well.

“Tear-offs are simple solutions to a tactical problem,” said Bowie. “The problem is operating



Andrew Hough

The windshield tearoff is being applied to a Blackhawk helicopter by Steve Fricker of United Protective Technologies at Fort Eustis, Va.

in a sandy, dusty environment.”

The tear-offs are clear pieces of Mylar seven millimeters thick that are molded to the shape of the windshield. Mylar has all of the optical qualities of regular glass, and even stands up to abrasions better than glass because it has more give to it.

The point of the tear-off is that if there are incidences where a windshield gets pitted or dinged up, the damage is on the Mylar, not the windshield. Instead of replacing the windshield, which is timely and costly, the Mylar can be torn off, and the aircraft can move on.

“We want the Mylar to fail,” said Felker. “As long as the Mylar receives all of the damage, the wind-

shield's life is prolonged. Right now there is an acute shortage of windshields, and those windshields aren't cheap.”

Current predictions estimate the life of one tear-off to be about six months. As long as the tear-off is not hit by something it won't handle, like bullets, and a fresh piece of Mylar is kept on it, the windshield should last forever, said Bowie.

“Tear-offs will save the Army repair, increase readiness, and save a great deal of money in both material and maintenance costs,” said Felker.

Other contributors to the funding, research and fielding of the tear-offs have been the Defense Logistics Agency,

Richmond, Va., the Black Hawk Project Office, Huntsville, Ala., and the Aviation Applied Technology Directorate, Fort Eustis, Va. Installation of the tear-offs on Black Hawks in Iraq and Kuwait is slated to start the first or second week in February.

“The goal is to improve things for our peers,” said Kagi. “With helicopters, we operate and fight battles all over the world, and if we can get the word out or suggest something that is for the good of Army Aviation, then that is what we want to do.”

Cash awards are paid for ideas adopted that were submitted through the Army Suggestion Program. The amount is based on tangible cost savings with a maximum award of \$25,000.

Former NFL star serves Soldiers

Bob Reinhert

Staff Writer

FORT LEWIS, Wash. — Fort Lewis isn't necessarily where one would expect to find a former All-Pro defensive tackle, a guy who earned a Super Bowl ring, someone who knows John Madden better as his coach than as a network football analyst.

It's been a quarter-century since he traded his No. 60 Oakland Raiders jersey for civilian clothes, but Otis Sistrunk looked comfortable recently as he sat at his desk in the stadium he manages on post. The memorabilia on the wall behind him recalled his glory days with the Raiders.

Sistrunk, who never played college football, was a 1974 All-Pro selection and was an integral part of the Madden-coached Oakland team that dispatched the Minnesota Vikings, 31-14, in Super Bowl XI, Jan. 9, 1977, at Pasadena, Calif.

All that is behind him now.
“In the NFL, we think we can play forever, but we can't,” said Sistrunk, 60. “When I got out of football - I'll be honest with you - I didn't know what I was going to do.”

Sistrunk lasted seven years in the NFL and spent a couple more as a beer salesman. One day when he was at Fort Benning on business, a lieutenant colonel asked if he'd be interested in coaching the post football team. His government career was born.

“I didn't know I was going to be here 20-something years,” said Sistrunk, now approaching his 22nd anniversary as an Army employee. His second career required no bigger jump than the one he made from high school to the Raiders via semi-pro football.

“My whole thing was to go overseas and work,” said Sistrunk of his early motivation with the Army. “My grandmother was sick and my mother was sick, so I couldn't go away.”

Instead, he spent a dozen years at Fort Benning, attending to the sports and fitness needs of Soldiers.

“It was a challenge to me,” Sistrunk said. “It was very interesting. I got a chance to know a lot of people.”

When the opportunity presented itself, he transferred to Fort Lewis. He's been there ever



Bob Reinert

Former All-Pro football player Otis Sistrunk has fashioned a second successful career as an Army civilian employee. Sistrunk runs Cowan & Memorial Stadium, Fort Lewis, Wash.

since.
“I enjoy working at Fort Lewis,” Sistrunk said. “I had opportunities to go overseas ... and different places, but I love Fort Lewis. When I go out of town, that's the first thing I tell people — I work at Fort Lewis.”

Sistrunk does travel frequently to appear at charity golf events and to speak with school children. He had started going to Oakland area schools with Raider linebacker Phil Villapiano when both were still active players.

“We would go to the schools and talk to the kids about staying in school, don't do drugs, turn yourself into a lady or a man,” Sistrunk

said.

A decade later, when he was working in the gym at Fort Benning, Sistrunk was approached by a young, female second lieutenant who said she wanted to thank him. She told him that she was in one of those Oakland classrooms that he and Villapiano had visited. She wound up going to college, getting into ROTC and joining the Army.

“I've never seen her since,” Sistrunk said. “We know we saved one person. There's probably more.”

Sistrunk still uses his NFL background as currency at Fort Lewis. Some Soldiers just want to sit on his office couch and talk football. Others have more pressing matters on their minds.

“Sometimes it helps if you sit here and talk to a young kid,” Sistrunk said. “I tell young Soldiers, ‘If you've got a problem, come in here and talk to me. Try to stay out of trouble.’ The longer you stay out of trouble, the longer you'll stay in the military.”

“Otis has really shared his knowledge and experience with all,” said Lonnie Meredith, head coach of the Army flag football team that defeated Navy in early December at Cowan Stadium on Fort Lewis. Sistrunk served as one of Meredith's assistant coaches.

“He's a true role model, one that you can access daily,” Meredith said. “He has always helped everyone that approaches him with guidance and direction. He shares his ideas and thoughts with others.”

“Otis has been a plus to the program not because of his playing football in the NFL, but because of his ability to work with a variety of people, from privates to generals,” said Jerry Weydert, sports director at Fort Lewis, who lauded Sistrunk's “willingness to do what is needed to get the job done.”

If the Oakland Raiders were once like a family to him, Sistrunk now is part of another one — the Army.

“I just love the military,” Sistrunk said. “I look forward to coming here every day. It's been rewarding for me. You can't make everybody happy, but I try to do my best.

“We try to do the best we can to serve the Soldiers. It's a challenge to me every day.”

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Coping with failure and disappointment

Chaplain (Maj.)
Tim Bauler

Have you ever experienced failure? Have you ever had a disappointment or a heart-break? We all have, haven't we? The question is, how did we deal with it?

The prophet Isaiah was in agony over the fate of his people. Listen to his lament: I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord and my reward with my God. Isaiah feels that he has failed, like all of us fail sometimes. But he was not ready to give up. Why? Because of his faith in God.

First, we need to see that what we call failure is really preparation. Failure is a necessary part of life. What is it we sometimes call our foul ups? Learning experiences. And that's what they are. We learn far more from our mistakes than we do our successes. What we call failure is often merely preparation. Every person who has ever achieved anything of significance has failed many times along the way.

Even more importantly, failure is a prelude to prayer. When do we pray with the most fervor? When things are going well for us? No. We pray hardest when life is dealing roughest with us. Most of our prayers are quite perfunctory. Mere rituals with little heartfelt emotion. But we get into a tight spot and where do we turn?

Isaiah knew what to do with failure. He turned to God. He prayed, I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity... He was discouraged, but he was not defeated. He had experienced failure but he knew there were still things God wanted to teach him. Today, 2500 years later we are still profiting from his life and work. With prayer and perseverance Isaiah is a resounding success.

III...There is a wonderful story by an unknown author about a man who was sleeping one night in his cabin when suddenly his room filled with light and God appeared. The Lord told the man he had word for him to do, and showed him a large rock in front of his cabin.

The Lord explained that the man was to push against the rock with all his might. So, this the man did day after day. For many years he toiled from sun up to sun down, his shoulders set squarely against the cold, massive surface of the unmoving rock,

pushing with all of his might. Each night the man returned to his cabin sore and worn out, feeling that his whole day had been spent in vain. Since the man was showing discouragement, the evil one decided to enter the picture by placing thoughts into his weary mind: You have been pushing against that rock for a long time and it has-n't moved. Thus, he gave the man the impression that the task was impossible and that he was a failure.

These thoughts discouraged and disheartened the man. The evil one said, Why kill yourself over this? Just put in your time, giving just the minimum effort and that will be good enough. That's what the weary man planned to do, but he decided to make it a matter of prayer and to take his troubled thought to the Lord. Lord, he said, I have labored long and hard in your service, putting all my strength to do that which you have asked. Yet, after all this time, I have not even budged that rock by half a millimeter. What is wrong? Why am I failing? The Lord responded compassionately, My friend, when I asked you to serve me and you accepted I told you that your task was to push against the rock with all of your strength, which you have done.

Never once did I mention that I expected you to move it. Your task was to push. And now you come to me with your strength spent, thinking that you have failed. But is that really so? Look at yourself. Your arms are strong and muscled, your back sinewy and brown, your hands are callused from constant pressure, your legs have become massive and hard.

Through opposition you have grown much and your abilities now surpass that which you used to have. True, you haven't moved the rock. But your calling was to be obedient and to push and to exercise your faith and trust in my wisdom. That you have done. Now I, my friend, will move the rock.

Some of you reading this article will find yourselves in a position of preparation, prayer and perseverance. You will be pushing against a massive object as you deploy with your unit to conduct the mission of the US Army. Remember that the Lord is with you and is preparing you for his will and good work; the Lord as close to you as a prayer, and your perseverance to push against that object will yield rewards in your spiritual life. Go now and face the challenge, knowing that God will be with you each step of the way.

Worship Opportunities

Fort Stewart

Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass	Heritage	9 a.m.
Saturday Mass	Heritage	5 p.m.
Weekday Mass	Victory	11:45 a.m.

Protestant		
Sunday Protestant Worship	Marne	11 a.m.
Sunday Gospel Service	Victory	11 a.m.
Sunday Family Friendly	Vale	11 a.m.
Tuesday Healing Service	WACH	11:30 a.m.
Sunday School	Diamond Elementary	9:30 a.m.
Kids' Church(K to 6th grade)	Across from Dia. Elem.	11:00 a.m.

American Samoan		
Sunday Worship	Vale	1 p.m.

Muslim		
Friday Jum'ah	Building 610	12:30 p.m.
Masjid (Daily)	Building 610	9 a.m.

Lutheran		
Sunday Worship	Marne	9 a.m.

Jewish		
Friday Services	Marne	6 p.m.

Hunter Army Airfield

Protestant		
Protestant Sunday School	Religious Education Center	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service	Chapel	11 a.m.

Catholic		
Sunday Mass	Chapel	9:30 a.m.
CCD	Religious Education Center	11 a.m.



Pet of the Week

Trish is a 9-month-old, Chow and Labrador mix, female who needs a home. She's extremely loveable and friendly. Trish would make a great companion to anyone wanting a friend.

If you are interested in adopting a pet like Trish for your home, call the Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic at 767-2842. The clinic is located on W. Bultman Avenue.

Birth Announcements

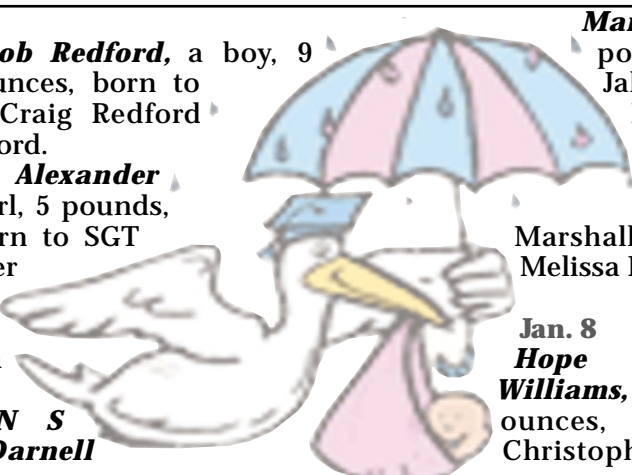
Jan. 2
Francis Thomas Munley, III, a boy, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, born to SSG Frank Munley and Jennifer Munley.

Jan. 4
Ty James Billy, a boy, 7 pounds, 7 ounces, born to PV2 Bertrum J. Billy, Jr., and Thomacita Billy.
Serina Kay White, a girl, 5 pounds, 15 ounces, born to SPC Ricky Lee White, Jr., and Jennifer Jo White.
Kadan Alexa Wolfe, a girl, 8 pounds, 9 ounces, born to SPC Michael Conan Wolfe and Blair Marie Wolfe.

Jan. 5
Caden Jacob Redford, a boy, 9 pounds, 8 ounces, born to 2LT Gilbert Craig Redford and Lisa Redford.
Anastasia Alexander Saldana, a girl, 5 pounds, 2 ounces, born to SGT Ivan Alexander Saldana and Christy Renea Saldana.
T W I N S Johnathan Darnell

Marshall, Jr., a boy 4 pounds, 14 ounces, Jakaylan Donnell Marshall, a boy, 5 pounds, 4 ounces born to Mr. Johnathan Darnell Marshall and SPC Kristy Melissa Marshall.
Jan. 8
Hope Gracelyn-Jean Williams, a girl, 9 pounds, 8 ounces, born to SSG Christopher B. Williams and

Sharon L. Williams.
Jan. 9
Donovan Michael Maue, a boy, 8 pounds, 15 ounces, born to PFC Aaron Maue and Janel Maue.
Jan. 10
Bradley James O'Dell, a boy, 6 pounds, 12 ounces, born to PFC Fredericks Daivd O'Dell and Stacey Ann O'Dell.
Liliana Maria Reynoso, a girl, 7 pounds, born to 2LT Alberto Jimenez Reynoso and Sabine Reynoso.



Volunteer Spotlight

Mydna I. Valle




Mydna I. Valle, a native of Puerto Rico, is a Red Cross volunteer at Winn Army Community Hospital.

Valle said she volunteers "because I like to help people."

In her free time, she enjoys cooking, shopping, arts and crafts and going to the movies.


Valle and her husband Pedro have one son 11-year-old Nestor.

If you would like more information about becoming an American Red Cross volunteer at Winn, call Brigitte Roberts at 370-6903 or send an email to Brigitte.Roberts@se.amedd.army.mil.



WOODRUFF THEATER

Jan. 20 - Jan. 26



Friday, Saturday and Sunday admission is \$3.50 for adults, \$1.75 for children.

Monday through Thursday admission is \$1.75 for adults, \$1.25 for children.

Closer (R)

Starring: Julia Roberts, Jude Law
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Closer is the story of four strangers and their chance meetings, instant attractions, and brutal betrayals. The couples find out that love can disappoint when one of them experiences an affair. One man falls in love with his sweetheart at first sight, but, the characters later ponder, is there such a thing as instant passion?

Run Time: 104minutes

Flight of the Phoenix (PG-13)

Starring: Dennis Quaid, Tyrese Gibson
Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m.

A pilot whose C-119 cargo plane full of oil workers could not withstand the violent winds of a desert sandstorm are stranded in Mongolia's Gobi Desert, Frank and his navigator face an equal challenge in maintaining order among the survivors. Facing a brutal environment, dwindling resources, an attack by desert smugglers, they realize their only hope is to do the "impossible": build a new plane from the wreckage.

Run Time: 113 minutes

Blade Trinity (R)

Starring: Kimberly Elise, Loretta Devine
Tonight at 7 p.m.

Realizing they may never be able to defeat the vampire hunter known as Blade the Dayhunter, the vampires set Blade up to appear like a psychopathic serial killer. he vampires set Blade up to appear like a psychopathic serial killer. The plan is successful, with the FBI soon on his tail, Blade's ability to hunt vampires is limited severely, even as they have awakened the granddaddy of them all, Dracula, a pure vampire with amazing abilities others do not possess. To take on the threat of this most powerful vampire, Blade accepts the help of a team of human vampire hunters called the Nightstalkers.

Run Time: 106 minutes

